

Adjournment: Senate met at 9:30 a.m., and, in accordance with the provisions of H. Con. Res. 503, adjourned sine die at 4:39 a.m. on Saturday, December 9, 2006, until 12 noon, on Thursday, January 4, 2007.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 17 public bills, H.R. 6420–6436; and 9 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 502–504; and H. Res. 1104, 1106–1110 were introduced. **Pages H9317–18**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H9318**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

Report of the Joint Economic Committee on the 2006 Economic Report of the President (H. Rept. 109–726);

H. Res. 1105, providing for consideration of H.J. Res. 102, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2007 (H. Rept. 109–727);

H.R. 3509, to establish a statute of repose for durable goods used in a trade or business, with an amendment (H. Rept. 109–728, Pt. 1);

H.R. 4941, to reform the science and technology programs and activities of the Department of Homeland Security, with an amendment (H. Rept. 109–729, Pt. 1);

H.R. 2567, to amend the Federal Hazardous Substances Act to require engine coolant and antifreeze to contain a bittering agent so as to render it unpalatable, with an amendment (H. Rept. 109–730, Pt. 1); and

H.R. 5316, to reestablish the Federal Emergency Management Agency as a cabinet-level independent establishment in the executive branch that is responsible for the Nation's preparedness for, response to, recovery from, and mitigation against disasters, with amendments (H. Rept. 109–519, Pt. 1). **Page H9316**

The House agreed to H. Res. 1102, waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules and providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules, by voice vote after ordering the previous question. **Pages H8983–84**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Authorizing major medical facility projects and major medical facility leases for the Department of Veterans Affairs for fiscal years 2006 and 2007: S.

3421, amended, to authorize major medical facility projects and major medical facility leases for the Department of Veterans Affairs for fiscal years 2006 and 2007; **Pages H8995–H9019**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "To amend title 38, United States Code, to repeal certain limitations on attorney representation of claimants for benefits under laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, to expand eligibility for the Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance Program, to otherwise improve veterans' benefits, memorial affairs, and healthcare programs, to enhance information security programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes." **Page H9019**

Iraq Reconstruction Accountability Act of 2006: S. 4046, to extend oversight and accountability related to United States reconstruction funds and efforts in Iraq by extending the termination date of the Office of the Special Inspector General for Iraq Reconstruction—clearing the measure for the President; **Pages H9019–22**

Reforming the postal laws of the United States: H.R. 6407, amended, to reform the postal laws of the United States; **Pages H9160–82**

Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 103 East Thompson Street in Thomaston, Georgia, as the "Sergeant First Class Robert Lee 'Bobby' Hollar, Jr. Post Office Building": S. 4050, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 103 East Thompson Street in Thomaston, Georgia, as the "Sergeant First Class Robert Lee 'Bobby' Hollar, Jr. Post Office Building"—clearing the measure for the President; **Pages H9182–83**

Department of State Authorities Act of 2006: H.R. 6060, amended, to authorize certain activities by the Department of State; **Pages H9188–91**

Amending the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 to extend a suspension of limitation on the period for which certain borrowers are eligible for guaranteed assistance: S. 4093, to amend the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 to extend a suspension of limitation on the

period for which certain borrowers are eligible for guaranteed assistance—clearing the measure for the President;
Pages H9191–92

COMPETE Act of 2006: S. 3821, to authorize certain athletes to be admitted temporarily into the United States to compete or perform in an athletic league, competition, or performance—clearing the measure for the President;
Pages H9197–98

Amending title 18, United States Code, to prohibit disruptions of funerals of members or former members of the Armed Forces: S. 4042, to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit disruptions of funerals of members or former members of the Armed Forces—clearing the measure for the President;
Pages H9198–99

Increasing the amount in certain funding agreements relating to patents and nonprofit organizations to be used for scientific research, development, and education, and for other purposes: H.R. 6427, to increase the amount in certain funding agreements relating to patents and nonprofit organizations to be used for scientific research, development, and education;
Pages H9199–H9200

Authorizing the Secretary of the Army to carry out certain elements of the project for hurricane and storm damage reduction, Morganza to the Gulf of Mexico, Louisiana: H.R. 6428, authorizing the Secretary of the Army to carry out certain elements of the project for hurricane and storm damage reduction, Morganza to the Gulf of Mexico, Louisiana;
Pages H9203–05

Dam Safety Act of 2006: S. 2735, to amend the National Dam Safety Program Act to reauthorize the national dam safety program;
Pages H9205–06

Providing for correction to the enrollment of H.R. 5946: S. Con. Res. 123, to provide for correction to the enrollment of H.R. 5946;
Page H9206

Stevens-Inouye International Fisheries Monitoring and Compliance Legacy Act of 2006: Concur in Senate amendments to H.R. 5946, to amend the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to authorize activities to promote improved monitoring and compliance for high seas fisheries, or fisheries governed by international fishery management agreements—clearing the measure for the President;
Pages H9206–35

National Institutes of Health Reform Act of 2006: Concur in Senate amendment to H.R. 6164, to amend title IV of the Public Health Service Act to revise and extend the authorities of the National Institutes of Health—clearing the measure for the President;
Pages H9235–43

Preventing Harassment through Outbound Number Enforcement Act: H.R. 5304, to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide a penalty for caller ID spoofing; and
Pages H9192–97, H9302

Dietary Supplement and Nonprescription Drug Consumer Protection Act: S. 3546, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to serious adverse event reporting for dietary supplements and nonprescription drugs, by a (2/3) yeas-and-nay vote of 203 yeas to 98 nays, Roll No. 543.
Pages H9243–46, H9303–04

Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures which were debated on Wednesday, December 6th:

Expressing support for Lebanon's democratic institutions and condemning the recent terrorist assassination of Lebanese parliamentarian and Industry Minister Pierre Amin Gemayel: H. Res. 1088, amended, to express support for Lebanon's democratic institutions and condemning the recent terrorist assassination of Lebanese parliamentarian and Industry Minister Pierre Amine Gemayel, by a (2/3) yeas-and-nay vote of 408 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 531;
Pages H9023–24

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "Expressing support for Lebanon's democratic institutions and condemning the recent terrorist assassination of Lebanese parliamentarian and Industry Minister Pierre Amine Gemayel."
Page H9024

Condemning in the strongest terms Iran's commitment to hold an international Holocaust denial conference on December 11–12, 2006: H. Res. 1091, amended, to condemn in the strongest terms Iran's commitment to hold an international Holocaust denial conference on December 11–12, 2006, by a (2/3) yeas and nay vote of 408 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 534; and
Page H9080

The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure which were debated on Thursday, December 7th:

Belarus Democracy Reauthorization Act of 2006: H.R. 5948, amended, to reauthorize the Belarus Democracy Act of 2004, by a (2/3) yeas-and-nay vote of 397 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 537.
Pages H9088–89

Suspensions—Failed: The House failed to agree to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Amending title 10, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Defense to submit to Congress an annual report and to provide notice to the public on congressional initiatives in funds authorized or made available to the Department of Defense: H.R. 6375, to amend title 10, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Defense to

submit to Congress an annual report and to provide notice to the public on congressional initiatives in funds authorized or made available to the Department of Defense, by less than a ($\frac{2}{3}$) yea-and-nay vote of 70 yeas to 330 nays, Roll No. 535. The measure was debated on yesterday, Thursday, December 7th;

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Providing for a severance payment for employees of leadership offices and committees of the House of Representatives who are separated from employment solely and directly as a result of a change in the party holding the majority of the membership of the House: H. Res. 1104, to provide for a severance payment for employees of leadership offices and committees of the House of representatives who are separated from employment solely and directly as a result of a change in the party holding the majority of the membership of the House and

Pages H9183–88

Amending the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to require the Federal Trade Commission to submit to Congress a report on gasoline prices by November 8, 2005: H.R. 3718, to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to require the Federal Trade Commission to submit to Congress a report on gasoline prices by November 8, 2005, by a ($\frac{2}{3}$) yea-and-nay vote of 191 yeas to 108 nays, Roll No. 542.

Pages H9200–02, H9302–03

Amending the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide that the Tax Court may review claims for equitable innocent spouse relief and to suspend the running on the period of limitations while such claims are pending: The House agreed to concur in Senate amendment with an amendment to H.R. 6111, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide that the Tax Court may review claims for equitable innocent spouse relief and to suspend the running on the period of limitations while such claims are pending by a recorded vote of 367 yeas to 45 noes, Roll No. 533.

Pages H9024–79

Rejected the Markey motion to amend the House amendment to the Senate amendment to H.R. 6111 by a recorded vote of 205 yeas to 207 noes, Roll No. 532.

Pages H9070–79

H. Res. 1099, the rule relating to consideration of the bill was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 247 yeas to 164 nays, Roll No. 530, after ordering the previous question.

Pages H8989–95, H9022–23

Member Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Gibbons, wherein he resigned as Representative of the 2nd Congressional District of Nevada, effective at the close of business on December 31, 2006.

Pages H9081–82

Modifying temporarily certain rates of duty and make other technical amendments to the trade

laws, to extend certain trade preference programs: The House passed H.R. 6406, to modify temporarily certain rates of duty and make other technical amendments to the trade laws, to extend certain trade preference programs by a recorded vote of 212 yeas to 184 noes, Roll No. 539.

Pages H9089–H9146

Pursuant to section 2 of H. Res. 1100, the text of H.R. 6406, as passed by the House, will be appended to the engrossment of the House amendment to the Senate amendment to H.R. 6111.

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H. Res. 1100, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 207 yeas to 193 nays, Roll No. 536, after ordering the previous question.

Pages H9083–88

Henry J. Hyde United States and India Nuclear Cooperation Promotion Act of 2006—Conference Report: The House agreed to the conference report on H.R. 5682, to exempt from certain requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 a proposed nuclear agreement for cooperation with India, by a yea-and-nay vote of 330 yeas to 59 nays, Roll No. 541.

Pages H9146–55, H9159–60

H. Res. 1101, the rule providing for consideration of the conference report was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 355 yeas to 55 nays, Roll No. 529, after ordering the previous question.

Pages H8984–88, H9022

Making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2007: The House agreed to H.J. Res. 102, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2007, by a yea and nay vote of 370 yeas to 20 nays, Roll No. 540.

Pages H9155–59

Agreed to H. Res. 1102, waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules and providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules, by voice vote after ordering the previous question.

Pages H8983–84

H. Res. 1105, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to by voice vote after ordering the previous question.

Pages H9082–83

Printing of the Rules and Manual of the House for the 110th Congress: The House agreed to H. Res. 1107, providing for the printing of a revised edition of the Rules and Manual of the House of Representatives for the One Hundred Ninth Congress.

Page H9158

Adjournment Resolution: The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 503, providing for the sine die adjournment of the One Hundred Ninth Congress, Second Session.

Pages H9158–59

Agreed to H. Con. Res. 502, to correct the enrollment of H.R. 5682.

Page H9160

City of Yuma Improvement Act: The House agreed by unanimous consent to S. 1529, to provide for the conveyance of certain Federal land in the city of Yuma, Arizona—clearing the measure for the President.

Page H9250

Eugene Land Conveyance Act: The House agreed by unanimous consent to S. 2150, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Bureau of Land Management Land to the City of Eugene, Oregon—clearing the measure for the President.

Page H9251

Water Infrastructure Revitalization Act: The House agreed by unanimous consent to concur in Senate amendment to S. 482, to provide environmental assistance to non-Federal interests in the State of North Dakota—clearing the measure for the President.

Page H9251

Holloman Air Force Base Land Exchange Act: The House agreed by unanimous consent to concur in Senate amendment to H.R. 486, to provide for a land exchange involving private land and Bureau of Land Management land in the vicinity of Holloman Air Force Base, New Mexico, for the purpose of removing private land from the required safety zone surrounding munitions storage bunkers at Holloman Air Force Base—clearing the measure for the President.

Pages H9251–52

Blunt Reservoir and Pierre Canal Land Conveyance Act of 2006: The House agreed by unanimous consent to S. 2205, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain parcels of land acquired for the Blunt Reservoir and Pierre Canal features of the initial stage of the Oahe Unit, James Division, South Dakota, to the Commission of Schools and Public Lands and the Department of Game, Fish, and Parks of the State of South Dakota for the purpose of mitigating lost wildlife habitat, on the condition that the current preferential leaseholders shall have an option to purchase the parcels from the Commission—clearing the measure for the President.

Pages H9252–53

Water Resources Research Act Amendments of 2006: The House agreed by unanimous consent to concur in Senate amendment to H.R. 4588, to reauthorize grants for and require applied water supply research regarding the water resources research and technology institutes established under the Water Resources Research Act of 1984—clearing the measure for the President.

Page H9253

National Historic Preservation Act Amendments Act of 2006: The House agreed by unanimous consent to S. 1378, to amend the National Historic Preservation Act to provide appropriation authorization and improve the operations of the Advisory

Council on Historic Preservation—clearing the measure for the President.

Pages H9253–54

Musconetcong Wild and Scenic Rivers Act: The House agreed by unanimous consent to S. 1096, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate portions of the Musconetcong River in the State of New Jersey as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, after discharging from committee—clearing the measure for the President.

Pages H9254–55

Supporting the goals and ideals of “National Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Week”: The House agreed by unanimous consent to H. Res. 1086, to support the goals and ideals of “National Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Week”, after discharging from committee.

Page H9255

Congratulating the Detroit Shock for winning the 2006 Women’s National Basketball Association Championship: The House agreed by unanimous consent to H. Con. Res. 488, to congratulate the Detroit Shock for winning the 2006 Women’s National Basketball Association Championship, after discharging from committee.

Pages H9255–56

Call Home Act of 2006: The House agreed by unanimous consent to S. 2653, to direct the Federal Communications Commission to make efforts to reduce telephone rates for Armed Forces personnel deployed overseas—clearing the measure for the President.

Page H9256

Supporting the goals and ideals of a National Epidermolysis Bullosa Awareness Week to raise public awareness and understanding of the disease and to foster understanding of the impact of the disease on patients and their families: The House agreed by unanimous consent to H. Res. 335, to support the goals and ideals of a National Epidermolysis Bullosa Awareness Week to raise public awareness and understanding of the disease and to foster understanding of the impact of the disease on patients and their families, after discharging from committee.

Page H9256

Gynecologic Cancer Education and Awareness Act of 2005: The House agreed by unanimous consent to concur in Senate amendment to H.R. 1245, to provide for programs to increase the awareness and knowledge of women and health care providers with respect to gynecologic cancers—clearing the measure for the President.

Pages H9256–58

To clarify certain land use in Jefferson County, Colorado: The House agreed by unanimous consent to S. 4092, to clarify certain land use in Jefferson County, Colorado—clearing the measure for the President.

Pages H9258–59

National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program Reauthorization Act of 2006: The House agreed by unanimous consent to H.R. 5472, amended, to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide waivers relating to grants for preventive health measures with respect to breast and cervical cancers;

Pages H9259–60

Suspending temporarily the duty on floor coverings and mats of vulcanized rubber: The House agreed by unanimous consent to S. 3678, to suspend temporarily the duty on floor coverings and mats of vulcanized rubber—clearing the measure for the President.

Pages H9260–75

Undertaking Spam, Spyware, and Fraud Enforcement with Enforcers beyond Borders Act of 2005: The House agreed by unanimous consent to S. 1608, amended, to enhance Federal Trade Commission enforcement against illegal spam, spyware, and cross-border fraud and deception, after discharging from committee—clearing the measure for the President.

Pages H9275–82

Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Modernization Act of 2006: The House agreed by unanimous consent to concur in Senate amendment to H.R. 6143, to amend title XXVI of the Public Health Service Act to revise and extend the program for providing life-saving care for those with HIV/AIDS—clearing the measure for the President.

Pages H9282–96

Christopher Reeve Paralysis Act: The House agreed by unanimous consent to H.R. 1554, amended, to enhance and further research into paralysis and to improve rehabilitation and the quality of life for persons living with paralysis and other physical disabilities.

Pages H9296–99

Treating payments by charitable organizations with respect to certain firefighters as exempt payments: The House agreed by unanimous consent to H.R. 6429, to treat payments by charitable organizations with respect to certain firefighters as exempt payments, after discharging from committee.

Pages H9299–H9300

Providing authority for restoration of the Social Security Trust Funds from the effects of a clerical error: The House agreed by unanimous consent to S. 4091, to provide authority for restoration of the Social Security Trust Funds from the effects of a clerical error—clearing the measure for the President.

Page H9300

District of Columbia and United States Territories Circulating Quarter Dollar Program Act: The House agreed by unanimous consent to H.R. 3885, amended, to provide for a circulating quarter dollar coin program to honor the District of Colum-

bia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, the United States Virgin Islands, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, after discharging from committee.

Pages H9300–02

Commemorating the one-year anniversary of the November 9, 2005, terrorist attacks in Amman, Jordan: The House agreed by unanimous consent to H. Res. 1095, to commemorate the one-year anniversary of the November 9, 2005, terrorist attacks in Amman, Jordan, after discharging from committee.

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PREEMIE Act: House agreed by unanimous consent to S. 707, amended, to reduce preterm labor and delivery and the risk of pregnancy-related deaths and complications due to pregnancy, and to reduce infant mortality caused by prematurity.

Pages H9304–06

Committee to Notify the President: The House agreed to H. Res. 1108, providing for a committee of two Members to be appointed by the House to join a similar committee appointed by the Senate, to wait upon the President to inform him that the two Houses have completed their business of the session and are ready to adjourn, unless the President has some other communication to make to them. Subsequently the Speaker appointed Majority Leader Boehner and Minority Leader Pelosi to the committee.

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Extension of Remarks: Agreed that the Chairman and ranking minority Member of each standing committee and each subcommittee be permitted to extend their remarks in the Record, up to and including the Record's last publication, and to include a summary of the work of that committee or subcommittee.

Pages H9306–07

Also agreed that Members may have until publication of the last edition of the Congressional Record authorized for the Second Session of the One Hundred Ninth Congress by the Joint Committee on Printing to revise and extend their remarks and to include brief, related extraneous material on any matter occurring before the adjournment of the Second Session Sine Die.

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Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns on this legislative day pursuant to this order, it adjourn to meet on the third Constitutional day thereafter, unless it sooner has received a message from the Senate transmitting its concurrence in House Resolution 503, in which case the House shall stand adjourned pursuant to that concurrent resolution.

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Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, December 13, 2006.

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Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Boehner, Wolf and Tom Davis of Virginia to act as Speaker pro tempore to sign enrolled bills and joint resolutions through the remainder of the second session of the One Hundred Ninth Congress.

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United States-China Economic and Security Review Commission—Appointment: The Chair appointed Mr. Larry Wortzel, Williamsburg, Virginia, for a term that expires December 31, 2008.

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Coordinating Council on Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention—Appointment: The Chair appointed Ms. Adele I. Grubbs of Georgia, for a one-year term. In addition the reappointment of Ms. Pamela F. Rodriguez of Illinois to a three-year term.

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Board of Visitors to the United States Air Force Academy—Appointment: The Chair announced the appointment of Mr. Terry Isaacson on the part of the House to the Board of Visitors to the United States Air Force Academy.

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Senate Message: Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H8988–89, H9080, H9089, H9146, H9197, and H9235.

Senate Referrals: S. Con. Res. 123, S. 997, S. 1120, S. 1529, S. 1535, S. 1548, S. 2003, S. 2054, S. 2150, S. 2205, S. 2373, S. 2403, S. 4113, S. 2141 and S. 4115 were held at the desk.

Quorum Calls—Votes: One Quorum Call (Roll No. 538) and ten yea-and-nay votes and three recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H9022, H9022–23, H9023–24, H9078–79, H9079, H9080, H9081, H9087–88, H9088, H9140, H9145–46, H9159, H9159–60, H9303, and H9303–04.

Adjournment: The House met at 9:30 a.m. Friday, December 8th and at 3:17 a.m. Saturday, December 9th, pursuant to the previous order of the House of today, the House stands adjourned until 4 p.m. on Wednesday, December 13, 2006, unless it sooner has received a message from the Senate transmitting its concurrence in H. Con. Res. 503, in which case the House shall stand adjourned sine die pursuant to that concurrent resolution.

Committee Meetings

CONTINUING FURTHER APPROPRIATIONS FISCAL YEAR 2007

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a closed rule providing 1 hour of debate in the House on H.J. Res. 102, Making continuing further appropriations for fiscal year 2007, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the joint resolution. The rule provides one motion to recommit the joint resolution. Testimony was heard from Chairman Lewis.